

S. suturalis Stephens: several tapped from *Vicia sepium* (1) vi.

Strophosoma melanogrammum (Forster) single individuals found in a variety of situations; beaten from Gorse, at base of *Rumex acetosella*, on *Calluna vulgaris* and in humus beneath Blackthorn (1,4,7) i,iv,viii,ix. (A species not usually associated with exposed cliffs. Normally found in woods on trees and shrubs.)

Trachyphloeus angustisetulus Hansen: quite common along the cliffs on *Plantago maritima* and also found in association with Thyme and *Lotus corniculatus* (1,4,6,7) iii,iv,vi,vii,ix.

T. aristatus Boheman one at base of *Rumex acetosella* (4) iv.

T. laticollis Boheman in small numbers at base of Plantains, mainly *P. maritima*. Quite widespread on the cliffs (3,4,6,7) iv,vii,viii,xi.

Zacladus geranii (Paykull) several taken on flower petals of *Geranium sanguineum* (4) v,vi.

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Phloeophthorus rhododactylus (Marsham) a few specimens in dead Gorse twigs (7) xi.

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Acontia lucida (Hufnagel) (Lep.: Noctuidae) in Kent and Dorset

A specimen of the Pale Shoulder, *Acontia lucida*, was taken by my brother, John Owen, in a mercury vapour trap at Eastbridge House, Dymchurch, Kent, on the night of 5th August 1994. Another was trapped on the same night by Roy Eden at West Bexington, Dorset. The species has been reported in southern England about 14 times (only eight records are considered reliable) in the nineteenth century. There are apparently no previous records for the twentieth century, and no other records for 1994, making the occurrence of two on the same night a remarkable coincidence. How many more of this presumed immigrant arrived in southern England in early August 1994 we shall probably never know. This species is illustrated in South, 1961, *Moths of the British Isles*, plate 126.

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